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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,634,880, dated June 3, 1997, issued to Feldman et al.;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-276968, published October 20, 1998 together with an English language abstract; and
- 3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-157484, published June 13, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

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